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SUBJECT:PRE-LICENSING CHECK

REF: ECONOMIC DEFENSE MANUAL, CHAPTER 413

EXCON (LONDON FOR UNDERWOOD)

1. C. TENNANT, SONS AND CO., N.Y.C. SUBMITTED EXPORT
LICENSE APPLICATION (A191 163) FOR ONE (1) LASER SCRIBE
SYSTEM 603/2 WITH ACCESSORIES, TOTAL VALUE 138,720. -
DOLLARS. APPLICATION SUPPORTED BY U.K. IMPORT CERTIFICATE
NO. US 2793 DATED 12/8/75 ISSUED TO SYCOPEL INTERNATIONAL
SALES LTD., 39-40 HUTTON CLOSE, CROWTHER ESTATE, WASHINGTON
TYNE AND WEAR. TRIANGULAR STAMP ON I/C SIGNIFIES THAT
SHIPMENT DESTINED VIA U.K. FOR THIRD COUNTRY. LICENSE
APPLICATION IDENTIFIES SYCOPEL AS CONSIGNEE IN U.K. AND
LABTECH LTD., NEW MARKET-ON-FERGUS, COUNTY CLARE,
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IRELAND, AS CONSIGNEE IN THIRD COUNTRY, FOR USE IN

MANUFACTURE OF ELECTRONIC MICROCIRCUITS. KNOWLEDGEABLE U.K. SOURCES BELIEVED TO BE RELIABLE REPORTEDLY ADVISED THAT MACHINERY WILL NOT (REPEAT NOT) REMAIN IN IRELAND, BUT WILL BE TRANSSHIPPED FROM IRELAND TO A COCOM-EMBARGOED DESTINATION IN EASTERN EUROPE.

2. EMBASSY DUBLIN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT THOROUGH PRE-LICENSING CHECK IN CONSULTATION WITH US CUSTOMS ATTACHE LONDON.

3. IF LABTECH CLAIMS TO BE ENDUSER, THE FOLLOWING TECHNICAL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE RAISED: (A) DO THEY HAVE AT PRESENT A LEGITIMATE MANUFACTURING FACILITY FOR PRODUCTION OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES OR MICROCIRCUITS? (B) WHAT ARE MODEL NUMBERS AND QUANTITIES OF TRANSISTORS AND INTEGRATED CIRCUITS PRESENTLY, OR ANTICIPATED TO BE, PRODUCED FOR EACH MODEL? (C) WHAT ARE MODEL NUMBERS, QUANTITIES OF SLICERS, DICERS, EPITAXIAL REACTORS, DIFFUSION FURNACES, MASK MAKING EQUIPMENT, TESTING INSTRUMENTS IN USE OR EXPECTED TO BE PROCURED? (D) HOW MANY DESIGN ENGINEERS AND PRODUCTION PERSONNEL EMPLOYED IN PLANT? (E) WHAT MEASURES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED TO INSURE DUST AND TEMPERATURE CONTROLS?

4. IT IS NOTED THAT, ACCORDING AVAILABLE INFORMATION, LABTECH'S OPERATION CONDUCTED IN PRIVATE HOUSE WITH ONLY SIX OR SEVEN EMPLOYEES, LOCATED IN SMALL TOWN/

COUNTY REPORTEDLY ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURE, LEAD MINING, LIVESTOCK RAISING, FISHING, AND QUARRYING (MARBLE AND SLATE). KISSINGER

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